

# Press Release

Contact: Mark Herman  
Phone: (828)695-4295

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 5, 2006

## **ICE STORM DEBRIS CLEAN-UP CONTINUES IN THE CITY OF NEWTON**

**NEWTON, NC** - On December 15<sup>th</sup>, we were awakened early to find a flurry of activity outside, ice on trees and soon afterwards, some power outages. There were tree limbs lying on power lines and on properties which created havoc for city crews.

After successful attempts to restore power to city residents, the big tasks began to clean up all the debris left behind.

"The City has hired two contractors to assist city crews in their efforts to speed up the clean-up process," said Mark Herman, Public Works Superintendent. "Contractors will assist city crews for the next two weeks and all citizens are encouraged to put fallen limbs out for pick up."

*-more-*

"First priorities for debris pick ups are along the most heavily traveled thoroughfares such as: Hwy. 10 West, Hwy.16 South, and Startown Road."

If you have not received debris pick up, please gather your debris this weekend for pick up on Friday, January 6 and the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Herman requests that consideration be given to sight distance for traveling and walking areas, when arranging large piles of tree limbs. There will be several pick ups, so please do not pile the limbs too high. Also, the leaf collection schedule ends during the week of January 16-20. Leaf collection in the northern quadrant of the city was slightly delayed because of tree limbs on top of the leaves. Please do not pile tree limbs on top of leaves so that the leaf collection schedule can continue in an efficient and speedy manner.

City Crews are working very hard to provide you with quality and quick service. We apologize for any inconvenience this clean up process has caused and request your patience for further debris removal during the next two weeks. For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 828-695-4310.

###